To our most fair and princely cousin Katharine j
And (as a branch and member of this royalty,
By whom this great assembly is contriv'dj
We do salute you, duke of Burgundy ;—
And, princes French, and peers, health to you all!

FR. KING. Right joyous are we to behold your face^
Most worthy brother England ; fairly met:—
So are you, princes English, every one.

Q. *ISA.* So happy be the issue, brother England,
Of this good day, and of this gracious meeting,
As we are now glad to behold your eyes;
Your eyes, which hitherto have borne in them
Against the French, that met them in their bent,
The fatal balls of murdering basilisks [6]:
The venom of such looks, we fairly hope,
Have lost their quality; and that this day
Shall change all griefs, and quarrels, into love.

ifiT. *HEN.* To cry amen to that, thus we appear.

Q. *ISA.* You English princes all, I do salute vou.

BUR. My duty to you both, on equal love,
Great kings of France and England !
That I have
- laboured
With all mv wits, my pains, and strong endeavours,
To bring your most imperial majesties
Unto this bar[7] and royal interview,
Your mightiness on both parts best can witness.
Since then my office hath so far prevailed,
That face to face, and royal eye to eye,
You have congreeted ; let it not disgrace me,

'* The FATAL BALLS of murdering BASILISKS .] So, in The Winter's Tale .

" Make me not *sighted* like the *basilisk*"

It was anciently supposed that this serpent could destroy the object of its vengeance by merely looking at it. See Henry VI Part II. Act III. Sc. II. STEEVENS.

A *basilisk* was also a *great gun.* See

Johnson's Diet. In voce.

BOSWELL

Unto this BAR—] To this *barrier $* to this place of congress.

JOHNSON.